

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please cancel FIGS. 2-10 added by Applicant's Amendment
filed June 7, 2007.

Remarks/Arguments

The claims are 1-3, 7 and 9-10. Claim 8, which the Examiner indicated contained allowable subject matter, has been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 1 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of claim 8. Accordingly, claim 8 has been canceled, and claims 9 and 10, which previously depended on claim 8, have been amended to depend on claim 1 as amended. In addition, claims 5-6 have been canceled. FIGS. 2-10 and the corresponding amendments to the specification added by Applicant's Amendment filed June 7, 2007 have been canceled. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

The Examiner objected to the new FIGS. 2-10 and the accompanying description added to the specification in Applicant's Amendment filed June 7, 2007 as constituting new matter and required that this new matter be canceled. In response, without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's objection and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, FIGS. 2-10 have been canceled and the disclosure has been amended to conform to the specification as originally filed prior to Applicant's Amendment filed June 7, 2007, which it is

respectfully submitted obviates the Examiner's objection on this basis.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as failing to show the features of claims 4-6, which had been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 5 and 6 (claim 4 having already been previously canceled), thereby obviating the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Cheng et al U.S. Patent No. 6,027,432* for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. The Examiner also indicated, however, that claims 8-10 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

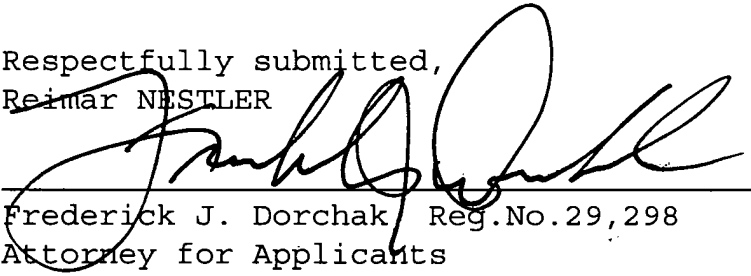
In response, without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant has amended claim 1 to substantially incorporate the subject matter of claim 8, has amended claims 9 and 10 to

depend on claim 1 as amended, and has canceled claims 5, 6 and 8. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended, together with claims 2, 3, 9 and 10, which depend on claim 1, are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, claims 1, 9 and 10 have been amended, and claims 5, 6, and 8 have been canceled. FIGS. 2-10 have been canceled and the specification has been amended to delete the description added in Applicant's June 7, 2007 Amendment. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issued.

Respectfully submitted,
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